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SUBJECT: RENEWED STRIKE ACTIVITY DECLARED SUBVERSIVE

SUMMARY. WORKERS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, NOTABLY AUTOMOTIVE, CONTINUE WORK STOPPAGES DESPITE GOA ACCEPTANCE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS. MOST SERIOUS STOPPAGES ARE AFFECTING FORD AND GENERAL MOTORS BUENOS AIRES PLANTS. STRIKES, CALLED BY AD HOC WORKERS' COMMITTEES, HAVE BEEN DECLARED ILLEGAL BY MINLABOR, AND DENOUNCED AS SUBVERSIVE BY UNION LEADERS AND INTERIOR MINISTRY. END SUMMARY.

1. LED BY AD HOC PLANT LEVEL COMMITTEES, AUTOMOTIVE AND TRANSPORT WORKERS IN BA AREA ARE CONTINUING TO REFUSE TO WORK DESPITE GOA APPROVAL OF UNION NEGOTIATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACTS (PARITARIAS). FORD AND GM WORKERS DENOUNCED UNION'S LEADERS AND QUESTIONED PARITARIAS AS BEING INSUFFICIENT AND FOR HAVING BEEN APPROVED WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH RANK AND FILE MEMBERS. GM WORKERS ARE ALSO STRIKING TO PROTEST BOMBINGS TO HOUSES OF WORKER DELEGATES WHO ARE DIRECTING REVOLT AGAINST UNION LEADERS. UNION (SMATA) SEC GEN RODRIGUEZ CHARGED THAT STOPPAGES WERE INSPIRED BY SUBVERSIVES, AD CALLED ON NEWLY APPOINTED MININTERIOR SUB-SECRETARY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY GARCIA REY TO QUELL REVOLT

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AGAINST UNION LEADERSHIP. GARCIA REY INDICATED HIS STATE

APPARATUS WOULD BE EMPLOYED IF NECESSARY. MINLABOR DECLARED STOPPAGES TO BE ILLEGAL, THEREBY GIVING GARCIA REY LEGAL GROUNDS TO MOVE AGAINST STRIKERS. EXPECTING VIOLENCE, FORD PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE JULY 13 PRESS ADVISING THAT WORKERS WOULD BE ADMITTED TO PLANTS ONLY ON PRESENTATION BOTH COMPANY AND GOVT IDENTITY CARDS. TRANSPORT WORKERS' STOPPAGES ARE ALSO PRIMARILY DIRECTED AGAINST UNION LEADERS RATHER THAN IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEMANDS. MANY WORKERS ARE ALSO PROTESTING THE CGT/GOA AGREEMENT FORCING THEM TO DONATE ONE DAY'S PAY PER MONTH TO GOVT.

2. PARITARIAS SETTLEMENTS RANGING BETWEEN 45 PERCENT AND 180 PERCENT ARE CREATING POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR BOTH GOA AND UNION LEADERS. AUTOMOBILE WORKERS CLAIM THAT THEIR APPROXIMATE 85 PERCENT INCREASE, PLUS ADDITIONAL 20 PERCENT IN VARIOUS BENEFITS, IS GROSSLY INADEQUATE IN VIEW METALWORKERS (UOM) 150-170 PERCENT INCREASE. OTHER UNION LEADERS ARE COMING UNDER PRESSURE SIMILAR TO THAT NOW DIRECTED AGAINST SMATA LEADERS. BOTH POWERFUL CONSTRUCTION (UOCRA) AND COMMERCIAL (CGECRA) WORKERS UNIONS HAVE ALREADY PRESENTED REQUESTS FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN THEIR CONTRACTS (UOCRA SETTLED FOR 45 PERCENT AND CGECRA FOR 100 PERCENT). CGECRA SEC GEN CARRANZA CLAIMED THAT THEIR JUST SIGNED CONTRACT PERMITS REOPENING FOR SUCH WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND THAT "EMPLOYERS HAVE AGREED TO ADDITIONAL INCREASES". GOA HAS STILL NOT ANNOUNCED LEVEL OF WAGE INCREASES TO BE AWARDED GOVT EMPLOYEES. CURRENT AGITATION AND ADJUSTMENTS WILL OBVIOUSLY AFFECT DECISION.

3. COMMENT. LEFTIST AGITATORS ARE OBVIOUSLY TAKING FULLEST ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION TO FURTHER DISCREDIT UNION LEADERS WHO HAVE LONG BEEN ISOLATED FROM RANK AND FILE. UNION LEADERS' REVOLT AGAINST MRS. PERON'S GOVT FURTHER ERODED THEIR OWN CONTROL OVER MEMBERS AS MYTH OF PERONIST VERTICALITY WAS VIRTUALLY DESTROYED. GIVEN DETERIORATED ECONOMIC SITUATION AND INCREASED LEFTIST AGITATION, ADDITIONAL AND MORE SERIOUS REVOLTS AGAINST ORTHODOX PERONIST LABOR LEADERSHIP ARE INEVITABLE.  
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